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1. ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, DEPUTYCHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, CALLED IN POL COUNSELOR ON APRIL 6 TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE GIST OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED IN ADVANCE TO THE SOVIETS DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT (REFTEL).
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WM TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THE SOVIET POSITION ON NON-PROLIFERATION WAS WELL-KNOWN, AND HAD BEEN RESTATED IN THE TALKS DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT. ON SPECIFIC POINTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S APRIL 7 STATEMENT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS THEM AT THE MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP IN LONDON LATER THIS MONTH.

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A DISCUSSION IN THIS FORUM WOULD NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR
BILATERAL SOVIET-U.S. CONSULTATIONS, BUT IT WAS APPRO-
PRIATE TO GO OVER THE "TECHNICAL" ISSUES IN THE LONDON
MEETING. MEANWHILE, THE SOVIETS WILL BE STUDYING THE PRES-
IDENT'S STATEMENT, AND WORKING OUT THEIR OWN VIEWS
ON THE SPECIFICS. HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY ANY-
THING MORE EITHER OFFICIALLY OR PERSONALLY.

3. ON BILATERAL TALKS, TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT IT WAS
CUSTOMARY FOR OUR TOWO DELEGATIONS TO MEET SHORTLY BEFORE
THE LONDON MEETING, AND THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD THEREFORE
BE READY TO MEET BILATERALLY WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 26. HE ASKED WHETHER GELB WOULD ACCOMPANY
NYE AND VOLUNTERRED THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD INCLUDE MOROKHOV
AND TENTATIVELY HIMSELF. FINALLY, HE ASKED FOR ANY FURTHER
DETAILS WE COULD PROVIDE ON U.S. POSITION IN PREPARATION
FOR LONDON MEETING. TOON UNQTE VANCE

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